



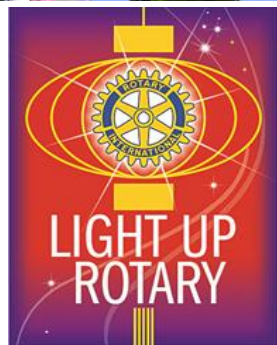
# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

**Heidi Dhangyai – Tibetan Art & Culture**



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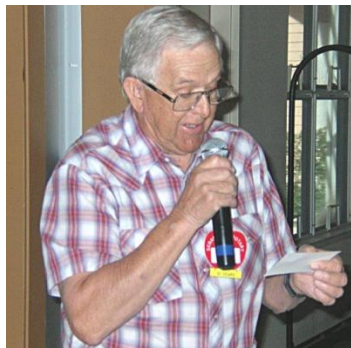
*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



### At The Bell

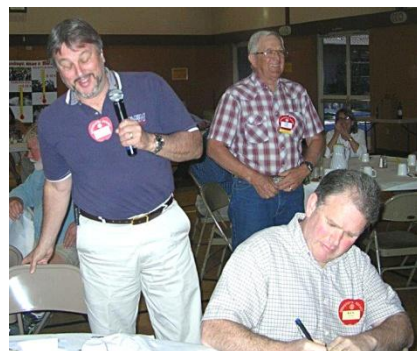


While the Giants were taking Game 1 of the NLDS from the Nationals in Washington D.C., back in Sebastopol, **Ron "Pooch" Puccinelli** managed his own bush league humdinger. **Skipper Pooch's** lineup started off with leadoff man **Edwin "Rhubarb" Wilson**, who got things going quickly with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Keller "Woody" McDonald** followed up with a rocking rendition of *This Land is Your Land*.

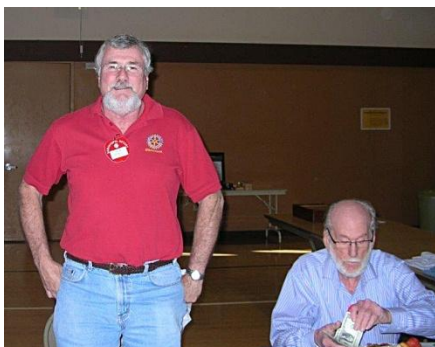


**Tom "Tom" Dilley** then cleared the bases with his *Thought for the Day*, which landed somewhere way out in left field. Or maybe right field. In fact, we're not sure where it landed, but it did fall somewhere:

*"Think you can, think you can't; either way you will be right."*



### Visiting Rotarians & Guests



**Jack "If Your Badge is Green Then Clean is Your Scene" Blasco** introduced the visiting roster, which included **Richard Ruge** from our farm club, the Sebastopol Sunrisers. **Tim "Texas Leaguer" Moore** blooped one into shallow center when he introduced **Jim Passage**, guest of the club.





## **Future Programs**

**October 10, 2014**

Speaker: **Buzzy Martin, Author & Musician**

Program: **"Don't Shoot! I'm the Guitar Man"**

**October 17, 2014**

Speaker: **Shirley Zindler, Animal Control Officer & Author**

Program: **"The secret Life of Dog Catchers"**

**October 24, 2014**

Speaker: **Michael Browne of Kosta Browne Winery**

Program: **"How I Got Into Making Wine"**

**October 31, 2014**

Speaker: **Chris Smith**

Program: **Press Democrat Community Columnist**

## **Future Events**

**Saturday, November 15**  
**The Great Gatsby Party!!!**

**(See Attachment)**

**Holiday Party**  
**Dec 05, 2014**

**Crab Feed**  
**Februrary 14, 2015**

**Handy Links**  
**Pinot for Polio Form**  
**Great Gatsby Gala Poster**  
**Sebastopol Rotary Website**

## **Miscellany**

**Next Board Meeting**

Date/Time: **Thursday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 p.m.**

Location: **Pauline Pellini's Office**

**Vanguard Prop. 130 S. Main @ Burnett S, Seb.**

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jcbiasco@comcast.net**

**On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org**

**INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?**

**Analay High:** 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room

(Check with Bob Hirsch, Jack Dunlap, Ted Baggett)

**Brook Haven:** 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18

(Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)

**Orchard View:** Different meeting times

(Check with Mike Carey)

**Twin Hills:** Every Other Tuesday 12:45pm - 1:20pm

(Check with Dan Rasmus)

**For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS**

**!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!**



**Pauline "Stretch" Pellini** got a solid hit with her introduction of Brookhaven Interact Co-Presidents Maki and Isabelle, who told us about their planned Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 22 (see Pauline for info).

## **Announcements—Or Todays News and Views**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> inning started with a quick rally of announcements about the Great Gatsby Gala. Tickets are available at our weekly meeting, and online at <http://www.greatgatsbygala-rotary.com>. You can also view auction prizes and get all the event details at this site. The committee is asking everyone to get in their guest info, and is still looking for silent auction prizes and cash sponsors.

## **Recognitions**

**Manager Pooch's** 3rd inning featured **Tim "Texas Leaguer" Moore's** recent birthday, celebrated by a visit to his "Texas Sized" Tahoe cabin and (we presume) a big steak dinner at



Squaw Creek. As we'd expect from a former club manager, **"Rhubarb" Wilson** spent his birthday at a Rotary Great Gatsby Gala committee meeting trying to re-live his glory days. He also got a video b-day greeting from son Alex' freshman math class in San Francisco.

**Jack Blasco** celebrated a recent birthday at Hopmonk, where I believe he said that his toddler grandson got into the beer and made a scene, but your **Scribe** couldn't hear too well since **Greg Gill** and **Robin**

**Maybury** were having a noisy side conversation about fish. **Henry "Hank" Alker** went to Rotary for his birthday today and received a song. Recently called-up from the minors,

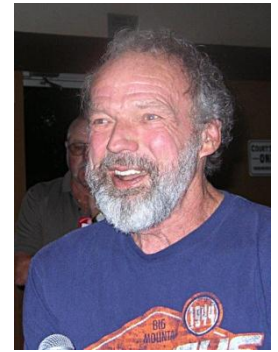
**Linda "Ex-Sunriser" Johnson** celebrated an anniversary, but gave no additional information and paid \$5.

**Diana "Blissful" Rich** also paid \$5 for loosing track of how many years of marital **bliss** she has enjoyed, but does recall a delicious meal and **blissful** celebration in **blissful** Occidental.





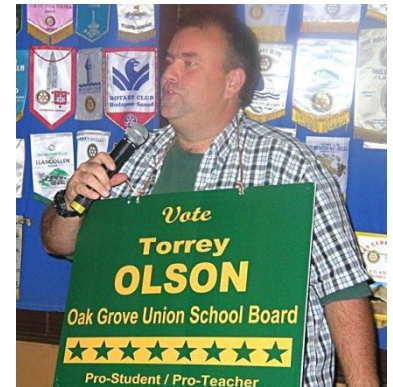
During the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, **Harvey “Medicine Man” Henningsen** paid \$20 to show off some beautiful yet vaguely psvchedelic photos taken during last week’s rain storm featuring his dogs Honey and Blondie.



**Torrey “Actually a Real Ballplayer” Olson** was penalized \$15 for breaking every rule in the *Rotary Manual of Procedure* by wearing a campaign sign and encouraging his fellow Rotarians to “vote for me” in the upcoming Oak Grove School District Board election.



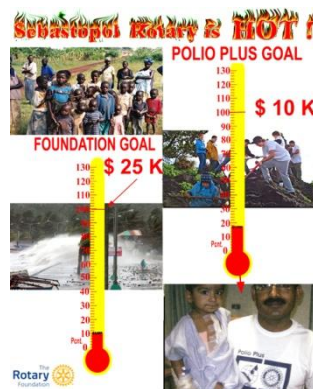
**Gene “It Got Away” Nelson** ~~bered~~ enthralled us with another fish story, which included a photo of a rubber fish, and attempted manslaughter by good friend **Jerry Warren**. Apparently reaching for the “sarsaparilla” *on the dock* while **Jerry** pulls the boat away from the dock was not one of **Gene’s** better decisions, and he has the scars to prove it.



**Greg “Crybaby” Gill** complained about a broken fishing rod, but felt much better with a \$100 donation to The Rotary Foundation.



**Sally “Paul Harris” Ewald** reminded us that this is the month to get your Foundation Raffle Tickets. The name of the game is Sebastopol Rotary is Hot (check out the thermometers) . Watch for more announcements and information from the Foundation Committee.



**Sebastopol Rotary is HOT!**



**Hank Alker** struck out and lost the raffle, but got some candy from **His Manager** anyway.

## The Bulletin

At this point, **Bench Coach and Manager-in-Waiting Rick “Ricky” Wilson** pulled out his phone and announced that all who could hear that the Giants were up 2 – 0. C’mon **Ricky**, some of us were TIVOing the game!

## The Program



**Yvette Williams van Aggelen** introduced our speaker, **Heidi Dhangyai**, who was standing in for her husband, artist **Tashi Dhangyai**.

The Tibetan Gallery & Studio in Sebastopol is run by Tibetan master artist, Tashi Dhangyal.

Visitors can view Tashi working on thangka (traditional Buddhist scroll paintings), and also join into his weekly classes. Tashi is one of the few masters in the West working entirely in the traditional Tibetan method, which includes hand-prepared canvas, hand ground mineral pigments, and 24k gold.



Tashi’s studio in the Barlow has become home to a very unique project, the first thanbochi painted by a Tibetan outside of Tibet. This will be a most auspicious endeavor for North America. A thanbochi is a very large thangka that is shown at special prayer ceremonies and brings blessings to all who see it. This massive undertaking will take almost five years, and when completed, the canvas will be two stories high.

The Studio is located in The Barlow (6770 McKinley Street #130, Sebastopol, CA) [Selected for its two-story-high ceiling - **Ed.**] and is open Wednesday-Sunday, Noon-7 p.m. in the summer, Noon-5 p.m. in the winter, and by appointment.

It also features traditional Tibetan *Menris thangka*, and a small shop with beautiful art-quality prints, as well as one-of-a-kind items featuring Tashi’s art, fair-trade sourced custom silk scarves, and small Buddhist shrine items. Funds raised at the gallery go directly to support student artists here in California and at the school in Tibet.

## The Closing Bell

**President Ron** thanked Heidi Dhangyai for her interesting talk and presented her with a donation in her name to The Pathway Home in her name. He then rang the bell at exactly 1:30 p.m., ending the meeting.

## After the Closing Bell

Our program Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> is Buzzy Martin, known throughout the county and beyond for his work with At-risk Youth through a program called “Mentoring Through Music”. Buzzy developed this program when he saw the appeal of prison life to at-risk youth, and saw what prison life was like for young inmates. He had the unique opportunity to teach guitar to inmates at San Quentin, where he saw the powers of music to change people. He’ll speak to us, and sing to us.... And maybe change us a little, too!

Note: Like our Overcoming Obstacles Award program, this subject can be rough at times, but the music and the stories of young lives will be what you take with you. Buzzy will also have some copies of his book available. “Don’t Shoot! I’m the Guitar Man” soon to be a major motion picture.

## Tributes to Tom Farrell

Last week’s AppleKnocker contained some heartfelt tributes to **Tom Farrell** by **Edwin Wilson**, **Brad Benedetti**, and **Kathie Mayhew**. “–Ed.” heard that there was an incredible resume for **Tom** around that showed many of his activities and awards. We couldn’t find the resume among members I asked so I contacted **Brien Farrell**, **Tom’s** son, and he sent it to me with permission to use it in the AppleKnocker. So here it is – on the next three pages – Read this and then reflect on whether you are getting involved in too many activities. (Note the corrections – this appears to be several years old. Tom was a member of Santa Rosa Rotary for 25 years and then Sebastopol Rotary for 10.)





**THOMAS J. FARRELL**  
Wyoming Drive  
Santa Rosa, California 95405  
(707) 542-  

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**FAMILY**

Married - <sup>56</sup>~~45~~ years to Evelyn  
Father - four adult children

**EDUCATION**

University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California  
Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California  
American College of Life Underwriters, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania  
Chartered Life Underwriter

**HONORS**

- Distinguished Service Award: The California Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons, 1989.
- Chairman of the Board: National Barrier Awareness Foundation, 1986-1992.
- Citizen of the Year: United Cerebral Palsy Association of California, 1983.
- Platform Speaker: National Society for Children and Adults with Autism, 1985-1986.
- Member: President's Committee on Employment of People with a Disability, Washington, D.C., 1986-1992.
- Member: President's Committee on Mental Retardation, Washington, D.C., 1982-1986.
- Selected: One of the five "Extraordinary People in the Bay Area" by Evening Magazine, Channel 5-KPIX-TV (CBS), San Francisco, 1981.
- Biography: Who's Who in America.
- Who's Who in Finance and Industry in the U.S.
- Who's Who in the West.
- Awarded: "Outstanding Volunteer for Sonoma County" by the California Human Development Corporation, 1980.
- Awarded: City of Santa Rosa Merit Award for Community Service, 1981.
- Awarded: "Outstanding Young Man of the Year in Santa Rosa", Santa Rosa Jaycees, 1961.
- Awarded: "Citizen of the Year", Japanese-American Citizens League of Sonoma County, 1971.
- Awarded: Region 9, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Community Service Award, 1985.
- Awarded: Sonoma County Vendor's Human Service Award, 1986.
- Awarded: Individual Achievement Award, Community Affirmative Action Forum of Sonoma County, 1986.
- Awarded: North Coast Rehabilitation Hospital Volunteer Award, 1988.
- Awarded: National Management Award by the Life Insurance General Agents and Manager's Conference, 1980-1981.

- **Awarded:** *Rotarian of the Year, Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, California, 1991.*
- **Awarded:** *Rotarian of the Year, Rotary District 5130, 1995.*
- **Awarded:** *"Rotary Internantional/Service Above Self" Recognition, 1996.*
- **Attendee:** *Vatican Conference on Disabilities, November 1992.*
- **Awarded:** *Honorary Kentucky Colonel, 1986.*

### ***BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS***

- 1990 - *Department of Developmental Services, State of California - Specialist.*
- 1988 - 1990 *Thomas J. Farrell & Associates - Owner. Consultants to business, government, churches and non-profit organizations.*
- 1983 - 1988 *Farrell/Dranginis & Associates - Principal. Employee benefits planning and products. 1160 Dutton Avenue, Suite 160, Santa Rosa, California.*
- 1974 - 1983 *Seven Flags Insurance Marketing Corporation - President. Insurance and financial planning and funding. 747 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.*
- 1957 - 1974 *The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company - General Agent.*
- 1964 - 1969 *Lincoln National Bank - President and Director. Santa Rosa and San Rafael, California*
- 1962 - 1964 *National Electric Supply Company - Director. San Francisco, California*

### ***CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES***

- *National Coordinator for Chamber of Commerce - Rotary Symposia on Employment of People with Disabilities.*
- *Director, Eldridge Foundation for the Benefit of Residents of Sonoma State Developmental Center.*
- *Honorary Director, North Coast Rehabilitation Center Foundation.*

### ***PAST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES***

- *Member, Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools Advisory Committee.*
- *Trustee, eight years, Sonoma State Hospital for the Mentally Retarded.*
- *Member, three years, Compensatory Education Advisory Board, Santa Rosa City Schools.*
- *Director, six years, Sonoma County Association for Retarded Citizens.*
- *Director, ten years, Family Service Agency of Sonoma County.*
- *Director, four years, Sonoma County Fair.*
- *Chairman and Director, four years, Community Relations Commission, City of Santa Rosa.*
- *President, United Cerebral Palsy Association, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino Counties.*
- *President, Redwood Empire Estate Planning Council.*

- *Member, Job Education Advisory Board, California Human Development Corporation for Hispanic People.*
- *Trustee, Sonoma County Community Foundation.*
- *Visiting Lecturer and Keynote Speaker, University of San Francisco, Department of Rehabilitation Administration, California State Universities at San Jose and Sonoma.*
- *Founder, Santa Rosa Junior College Repertory Theater Roast Fundraising Committee.*
- *National Director, United Cerebral Palsy Association.*
- *President, Redwood Empire Chapter of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters.*
- *Director, North Bay Regional Center for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.*
- *President, Redwood Empire Life Underwriters Association.*
- *Director, San Francisco Life Underwriters Association.*
- *Delegate to California State Conference on Small Business, 1980.*
- *Director, Parent-Hospital Association of Sonoma State Hospital.*
- *Director, Citizen Advocacy for the Developmentally Disabled.*
- *Director, Sonoma County Chapter of Japanese-American Citizens' League.*
- *Director, Santa Rosa Jaycees.*
- *Director, Consumer Education Advisory Board to Santa Rosa City Schools.*
- *Chairman of the Board, Bonnie Doone School for Retarded Citizens.*
- *Organizer of Handicapables of Northern California, Diocese of Santa Rosa.*
- *Chairman, St. Eugene's Cathedral Building Fund Drive for the Monsignor Becker Center.*
- *Director, Voluntary Action Center of Sonoma County.*
- *Chairman, Knights of Columbus Fundraising for Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.*

#### **CURRENT AFFILIATIONS**

- 5-12-85*
- *Rotary Club of ~~Santa Rosa~~, California - ~~2~~ years. Paul Harris Fellow.*
  - *Director of various organizations relating to people with disabilities.*

**THE ABC's of Rotary**  
**(Taken from "The ABCs of Rotary", a Rotary International publication**  
**originally prepared by**  
**Dr. Cliff Dochterman who was RI President in 1992-93)**

**#55: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

Each summer, thousands of young people are selected to attend Rotary-sponsored leadership camps or seminars in the United States, Australia, Canada, India, France, Argentina, Korea, and numerous other countries. In an informal atmosphere, groups of outstanding young people in the 14-30 age range spend a week in a challenging program of leadership training, discussions, inspirational addresses, and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills, and good citizenship. The official name of this activity is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program (RYLA), although these events are sometimes referred to by other names, such as Camp Royal, Camp Enterprise, youth leaders seminars, or youth conferences.

The RYLA program began in Australia in 1959, when young people throughout the state of Queensland were selected to meet with Princess Alexandra, the young cousin of Queen Elizabeth II. The Rotarians of Brisbane, who hosted the participants, were impressed with the quality of the young people. It was decided to bring youth leaders together each year for a week of social, cultural, and educational activities. The RYLA program gradually grew throughout all the Rotary districts of Australia and New Zealand. In 1971, the RI Board adopted RYLA as an official program of Rotary International. RYLA is generally conducted as a district activity

September 13, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—

The ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL is now accepting applications for  
**THE SEBASTOPOL ROTARY TEACHER MINI-GRANT PROGRAM.**

Teachers from public and tax-exempt private schools within the boundaries of the West Sonoma County Union High School District are eligible to receive one-time grants in the amount of \$50 to \$500 to purchase classroom materials or to implement programs that might otherwise go unfunded.

A grant application and guidelines can be found at [www.sebastopolrotary.org](http://www.sebastopolrotary.org) (click on the **Grants>Teacher Mini-Grants** link).

To be considered in the next funding cycle applications must be submitted by October 27, 2014.

Since its inception in the Fall of 2002, the Rotary Club of Sebastopol has distributed nearly \$200,000 in Mini-Grants to local teachers.

Please contact Michael Hixson at 228-0302 or [mikehixson@comcast.net](mailto:mikehixson@comcast.net) for more information.



# The Great Gatsby Gala –November 15, 2014



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# THE GREAT GATSBY GALA

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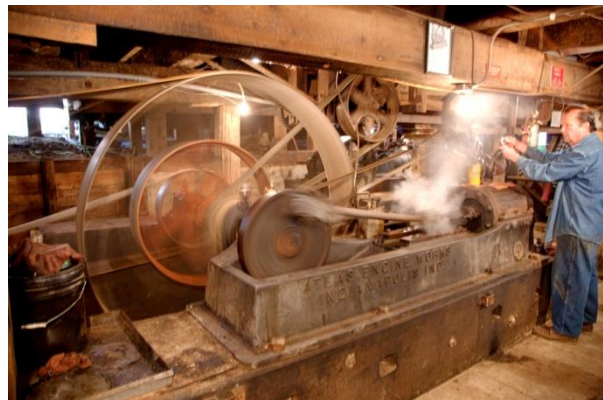
## Sturgeon's Mill – Last Steam of the Summer October 4, 2014



When 7 of our original restoration founders each slapped down \$100 on Ralph Sturgeon's 1948 G.M.C. creating the seed money to save this ol sawmill from falling into the creek... believe me it was leaning heavily that way,... one of our very first goals stated in our original by-laws was: To be an educational venue for local students & historians to study the closing of the industrial revolution and the history of logging, sawmilling, working, and living before automobiles and modern transportation... By the way that \$700 that we came up with that day was EXACTLY the same amount of money that Wade Sturgeon paid a Mr. Sugarman, (S.R. Hardware dealer) for all of the original equipment at this working museum.

I take great pride & feel tremendous Gratitude & Appreciation to be able to make my childhood, (I was 10-12 yr. old,) dream come true.

With even more Gratitude & Appreciation... , H.A.H.





# RI READING: Rotary through the Years

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO RI WEBSITE](#)

## Rotary Weekly

3 October 2014 | A roundup of Rotary news



### Mending the lingering effects of Japan's triple disaster

More than three years after an earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster triggered widespread devastation in Japan, the physical scars are beginning to mend. But the Rotary Clubs of Koriyama West, Japan, and Englewood, New Jersey, USA, are concerned with the emotional and psychological impact caused by the triple disaster, known in Japan as 3/11. Learn how Rotary members are using a global grant to address the people's emotional and physical needs.

- [Read our featured story](#)
- [Learn more about global grants](#)
- [Browse disaster relief projects on Rotary Showcase](#)

GIVE

## End Polio Now

### Riding to end polio

A team of six Rotary staff members and Rotary General Secretary John Hewko head to Arizona in November to bike El Tour de Tucson, an annual cycling event that raises money for polio eradication. Team captain Kristin Brown shares how she got involved and why she's excited to lead the team in training and preparation, in her blog post for Rotary Voices.



- [Read Kristin's post](#)
- [Support the Miles to End Polio team](#)
- [Read about our World Polio Day live-streamed event](#)
- [Join a discussion group on ending polio](#)

## Learning Center

### 10 tips to enhance your next service project

Part 3 of the webinar series Lifecycle of a Service Project provides key insights on finding the resources you need to carry out an effective, sustainable project. Discover 10 tips from the webinar, and learn why it's best to start locally and build partnerships.



- [See the 10 tips](#)
- [View the full webinar](#)
- [Learn more about the lifecycle of a project](#)
- [Find resources for your project on Rotary Ideas](#)

## SÃO PAULO CONVENTION DATES CHANGED

The 2015 Rotary Convention will run Saturday, 6 June, through Tuesday, 9 June – starting and ending one day earlier than originally scheduled.



- [Learn more about this change](#)
- [Check \[riconvention.org\]\(http://riconvention.org\) for updates, registration & housing details](#)
- [Find information about IHOC events](#)

## ORGANIZE A ROTARY DAY

Hold a fun, informal event in your community and introduce the public to your club and Rotary. It just might inspire someone to join!

- [Learn more about Rotary Days](#)
- [See a calendar of Rotary Days events worldwide](#)
- [Enter the Rotary Days video contest](#)

## Announcements

### John Germ is Rotary International president-nominee

RI President Gary C.K. Huang officially declared John F. Germ Rotary International's president-nominee on 1 October. Germ will be formally elected at the 2015 Rotary Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, and will become president on 1 July 2016. Learn more, and see other recent announcements.

- [Read more about John Germ](#)
- [Propose changes to Rotary's constitutional documents by 11 December](#)
- [Get ideas for connecting with alumni in the latest Rotary Leader](#)
- [Plan your trip to São Paulo for the 2015 Convention](#)

## Resources & reference

[Rotary Voices](#): Stories of service from around the world

[Rotary Leader](#): Helping club and district officers achieve success

[Rotary Images](#): Download photos to use in your club or district publications

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